

Mary Lou Terrien

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To: Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: House Bill, HB 5232

Dear Ms Terrien

I am a resident at 520 Madison Ave Se on Heritage Hill. This bill is a travesty. It seems that it is being proposed to benefit developers and does not take into account the many benefits of historical site designation. The Heritage Hill designation quite literally saved Grand Rapids as a city. Had this not been designated as a historical site these gorgeous buildings would have been destroyed. Instead it gives GR something to be proud about. It is a reason people want to move and live here.

As a property owner I chose to live in this area and when one does that they need to accept any restrictions for that neighborhood or buy somewhere else. Just like there are restrictions in subdivisions and condos like what color mulch you can use, what color your front door can be, what additions you are allowed, even what kinds of plants you can plant... The historic site regulations are very broad and in my opinion in Heritage Hill. Don't like the restrictions then build or buy somewhere else. These are the very things that make this neighborhood what it is today.

Changing the historical designation changes why I and many others would buy in this urban setting. It will diminish my property value. Is that fair? Why should the greed of some punish the many homeowners in the historic districts?

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

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